ol Accounts and Finance, who were on deputation from the Government of Uttar Pradesh, Government of Bihar and NAFED respectively were found involved in the irregularities in the chickpeas case. NCCF has taken up the matter with the parent Go /ernments/Offices of these officers to initiate disciplinary action and this matter is being pursued vigorously.

(b) NCCF has filed legal suits against the concerned banks for re. co very of the guarantee amount. Explanations have been called for from other officers of the NCCF, who were found involved Irf~the irregularities. However, this case has b°en referred to CBI for investigation.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(J) According to the Agreement bet ween the two parties, the Managing Director or his nominee shall act as Arbitrator in case of any dis-put«. The Managing Director, NCCF, nominated Manager (Coordination), to enter upon the reference as sole Arbitrator. The Arbitration Pro. ceedings have started with effect from 17-7-1987.

Lesilting *of* Ganda Nala pipe in Karol Bagh, New Delhi

2452. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number and date on which the underground pipes of the (Ganda Nala) running from Pusa Road to Rohtak Road, New Delhi were desilted and cleaned during the last three years; year, wise.

(b) whether it is a fact that the desilting work has not been done since the laying of the underground pipes; and

(e) if **so,** what are the reasons therefor and what action Government propose to taken in this mater?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DE VELOPMENT (SHRI DAL3IR SINGH); (a) to (c) The informa tion is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Drainage system in Karol Bagh New Delhi

2453. SHRI /M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVE. LOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government ore aware that du? to faulty drainage system in the areas around 14A, 15A, 16A and other blocks in the Western Extension Area, Karol Bagh, NRW Delhi, rain water overflows the lanes particularly of 14A Block, W.E.A. and inundates houses and shops situated there, thus causing damages •to household and business premises and properties;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the existing systerrf of carrying the storm water in these areas is inadequate and non-functioning; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take to employ more effective storm water carrying system in these areas to save citizens from facing damages to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Production of pulses

2454. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO: Will the Minister of AGRI CULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware of the steep rise in the prices **ol**

pulses during the last six montt.s particularly of U d, Masoor and Grams and what are the comparative figures of prices ol these common varieties of pulses as on 15th July 1987, 1986 and 1985

(b) what was t e estimated pro duction of pulses for the year ending 31st March, 1986 aid what was the shortfall for the riariod;

(c) what are the projected produc tion of pulses for 1! 87-88 and the esti mated shortfall foi th$_e$ period: and

(d) what are th : long term mea sures contemplated by Government to be self-sufficient in pluses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICUL. TURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULT'.PS (SHRI YOGEND IA MAKWA^A): (a) The wholsal;! prices of pulses have risen during t ve last six months. The wholesale pri es $_0$i pulses are collected every F iday. The prices for 17th July 198' (nearest to 15th July) and tba corresponding date? in 1936 and 1985 are jiven in the State-ment. (See below)

(b> The All Ind a total production of pulses durinp t i$_e$ crop year 1S8?--86 (July-Juns) is about 13.0 miUion tonnes which is about 0.5 nrjiion tonnes short of th j target.

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Jjj) It is too earlv to forecast the production of tota pulses during the crop year 1987-8!. However, a target of 14 to 14.5 minion tonne? Vas been fixed for pulses production during 1987-88.

(d) To increase the productio.i of pulses during the Seventh Five Year Plan, the following strategy has been adopted:

(i) Introduction of pulses crops in irrigated farming system such as double and multiple cropping.

(ii) Bringing additional area under:—

(1) short duration varieties of urd, fnoo^, etc*, in rice follows by- utilising, the residual moisture in rafbi .season;

(2)' in summer season with irrigation -after mustard, sugarcane, potato, and, wheat;

(3) in rabi under Lentil; and

(4) under short duration Arhar in rotation with wheat in Northern - States.

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(iii) Inter-cropping of arhar in . soyabean, bajra, .cotton, sugarcane and groundnut both under irrigated and unirrigated conditions;

(iv) Multiplication and use of improved pulses seeds, adoption of plant protection - measures; use of phqsphatic fertilizers , and rhjzo-bium culture; and

(y) Impro.ved .post-harvest technology, public policies ,mcluding pricing and marketing of pulses.

Government of India have started a Centrally ' Sponsored 'National Pulses Development Project from 1986.87.

Statement

Wholesale Prices of Pulses (Whole)

(Rs. Per quintal)

State	Centre	Prices as on		
		17-7-1987	18-7-1986	19-7-1985
1	2	3	4	5
	GRAM			
Haryana	Kaithal	400	350	480
Madhya Pradesh	Morena	360	345	450
Rajasthan	Jaipur	372	341	485
Tamil Nadu	Coimbatore	577	573	566
Uttar Pradesh	Kanpur	370	362	482
West Bengal	Calcutta	430	420	460
Delhi	Delhi	400	370	492
	MASOOR			
Madhya Pradesh	Sagar	495	457	385
Maharashtra	Bombay	510	425	450
Uttar Pradesh	Kanpur	425	412	415
West Bengal	Calcutta	525	460	505
Delhi	Delhi	460	435	460
	URAD			
Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada	455	420	440
Punjab	Bhatinda	550	450	520
Tamil Nadu	Madras	470	487	458
Uttar Pradesh	Hapur	500	450	505
	Kanpur	492	490	570
West Bengal	Calcutta	465	475	430
Delhi	Delhi	540	460	530